



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 4569

Sudden Oak Death Syndrome Control Act of 2004

As passed by the House of Representatives on October 5, 2004

SUMMARY

H.R. 4569 would authorize appropriations for development of a national plan to control and manage sudden oak death. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$21 million in 2005 and \$75 million over the 2005-2009 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts.

H.R. 4569 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 4569 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 350 (agriculture).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Estimated Authorization Level	25	25	25	0	0
Estimated Outlays	21	25	25	4	0

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

H.R. 4569 would authorize the appropriation of such sums as necessary to develop and implement a national plan for the control and management of sudden oak death, a disease of certain trees and other plants caused by the fungus-like pathogen *phytophthora ramorum*.

The Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service has identified key elements of a plan to research and control this disease. That plan would require appropriations of \$25 million a year for three years. Of that amount, \$13 million a year would be used to survey and inventory infected species, \$8.5 million a year would be used to quarantine plants and enforce regulations, \$3 million a year would be used to obtain laboratory diagnostics and testing, and \$0.5 million a year would be used for a public awareness campaign.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 4569 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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